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Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: **Administrative Order No. 2020-14**

Dear Chief Judge Brodie:

The Court has ORDERED that the MDC and MCC respond to concerns about the institutions' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Protocols for staff screening entering the institution remains the same at both facilities. Specifically, every staff member's temperature is taken, and the staff member is asked to answer several questions on a screening form. If the staff member has a fever or answers yes to any of the questions, a medical professional on staff is notified and can deny entry to the institution.

Medical staff are screening all inmates arriving to the institution. This includes inmates who have left the institution and returned including inmates who are returning from a medical trip in the community or court. In addition to symptom screening upon entry, inmates are administered a polymerase chain reaction ("PCR") test.¹ If an inmate will be going to court for a continuous number of days, a PCR test will be administered on the final day of return to the institution, and on that final day, their quarantine will begin. However, they are subject to symptom screen daily prior to departing and upon returning to the institution.

Inmates leaving either BOP facility are also screened and tested prior to leaving, unless they are

¹ The results take approximately 2-5 days. Inmates remain in quarantine until a negative result is receive. They are re-tested on the 14th day, and upon a negative PCR test, are release to general population.

an immediate release.² All inmates who are being transferred or released are placed in quarantine for approximately fourteen days prior to leaving the institution to ensure the safety of other inmates, staff and the community. All inmates that leave the facility to go to court are screened prior to leaving. If an inmate is on a quarantine or isolation unit, they will not be allowed to leave the institution for the health and safety of all parties involved.

Inmate orderlies continue to clean the common areas of all housing units, and inmates have been instructed to continue to wipe down and sanitize their living quarters.

Please be advised that the following numbers constitute a running tally, which began on March 13, 2020.

With regard to the numbers as of February 25, 2021, for MDC³:

- Inmates Tested: 6,830
- Inmates Positive: 387⁴
- Inmates in Isolation: 7
- Inmates Recovered: 379
- Inmates Hospitalized: 0
- Inmate Deaths: 1
- Inmates Vaccinated: 196⁵
- Staff Positive: 111
- Staff Recovered: 99
- Staff Hospitalized: 2
- Staff Vaccinated: 110⁶

With regard to the numbers as of February 25, 2021 for MCC:

- Inmates Tested: 3,289

² Accordingly, if and when the numbers of inmates tested seems to increase dramatically, it likely coincides with the arrival of new commitments to either facility, or transfer or release of inmates from the facilities.

³ The additional positive results since the last letter, are the results of continued extensive testing of the individuals in affected units and additional testing of the institution.

⁴ The February 25, 2021 Admin Order incorrectly stated the number of positive inmates; the number indicated was 389, and the correct number is 387.

⁵ This number reflects the inmates that received the first dose of the vaccine. Some inmates have not received the second dose because they had permanently left the institution prior to the time the second dose was received at the institution. Additionally, **five (5)** inmates accepted the first dose of the vaccine, refused the second dose.

⁶ Some staff members have received the vaccine from an outside medical facility, which is not reflected in this number.

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- Inmates Positive: 87
- Inmates Hospitalized: 1
- Staff Positive: 61
- Staff Recovered: 56

Respectfully submitted,

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